

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting & Fishing Regulations

There will be no hunting fees or hunter quotas for the Sacramento River NWR (refuge)

All gravel bars and specified refuge lands are open to hunting and fishing under the following conditions, which can be found in the Federal Register (FR) or online at www.fws.gov/refuge/sacramento_river:

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Access to the hunt area on all units open to public hunting is by boat only, except on designated units, which are accessible by foot traffic or boat. We prohibit bicycles or other conveyances. Mobility impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on the Mooney and Codora Units.
2. On the Codora Unit, hunting is not allowed except for junior hunters on weekends only. Junior hunters must possess a valid junior hunting license and be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.
3. Possession of alcohol is prohibited.
4. We only allow shotgun hunting.
5. Firearms must be unloaded (*see* § 27.42(b) of the FR) before transporting them between parking areas and hunting areas. “Unloaded” means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm.
6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (*see* § 32.2(k) of the FR).
7. We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 m) of any landward boundary adjacent to private property.
8. We prohibit hunting within 150 yards (45 m) of any occupied dwelling, house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith.
9. We prohibit fires on the refuge, except we allow portable gas stoves on gravel bars (*see* § 27.95(a) of the FR).
10. We open the refuge for day-use access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hour after legal sunset. We allow access during other hours on gravel bars only (*see* condition A8).
11. We require dogs to be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (*see* § 26.21(b) of the FR).
12. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, by 1½ hour after legal sunset (*see* §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of the FR).
13. We prohibit cutting or removal of vegetation for blind construction or for making trails (*see* § 27.51 of the FR).
14. Commercial guiding is prohibited.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, turkey, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow shotgun and archery hunting.
2. Conditions A1 through A3, and A5 through A14 apply.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of black-tailed deer and feral pigs on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A3, A5, A7 through A14, and B1
2. Feral pigs may be hunted September 1st through March 15th.
3. Dogs are prohibited while hunting feral pigs.
4. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, ladders or screw-in foot pegs.
5. You must remove all personal property, including stands or hunting blinds from the refuge by 1½ hour after legal sunset (*see* §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of the FR).
6. Shotgun, firing single non-lead shotgun slugs, and archery hunting only. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed on the refuge.

E. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A9 through A14 apply.
2. On Packer Lake and Drumheller North, due to primitive access, we only allow boats up to 14 feet (4.2 m) and canoes. Electric motors only.